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Dear Mr. Lea,

Thank you for your May 6, 2021 email correspondence to Dr. Dewayne Goldmon, Senior Advisor for Racial Equity to the Secretary of Agriculture. I have been asked and am pleased for the opportunity to respond to your correspondence.

In your message, you indicate that you would like your case resolved immediately. A review of our records indicates that you have no open or active discrimination complaints on file with the USDA, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights. The last administrative complaint you filed (#2014-COR-01906) was related to your 2014 foreclosure and was closed for lack of jurisdiction on January 7, 2014.

We also were notified that you recently filed an appeal of the District Court of the Middle District of Alabama on March 4, 2021 for their dismissal of your complaint against USDA. USDA is unable to pursue any discussion of litigation pending in Federal Court without the involvement of the U.S. Department of Justice, which represents the Government. Please contact the designated representative at the Department of Justice for any questions or issues associated with this litigation.

Thank you for your inquiry and hope you find this information useful.

Sincerely,

Monica  
Armster Rainge

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cc: Dr. Dewayne Goldmon, Senior Advisor, Racial Equity